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From: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 11:32 AM
To: PolicyOffice <PolicyOffice@epa.gov>
Subject: Back Forty Project/Aquila Resources

Aquila Resources, a fledgling Canadian exploration company, proposes to operate an open-pit sulfuric mine within 100' of the Menominee River in Menominee County, in Lake Township, outside of Stephenson, Michigan. This is a boundary water for Michigan and Wisconsin, which flows into Green Bay and Lake Michigan. They plan on mining for lead, zinc, gold and silver. They will be processing on-site, using cyanide and discharging 1.5 million gallons into the river daily for the life of the mine. Tailings will be stored on-site also. I have attached information on the specifics.

This company has applied for 7 year permits and openly states the life of the mine will be 16 years. Their plan is to mine above and below ground. Thus the impact studies and other documentation provided to the MDEQ is false. This is not an accurate projection of draw-down or wetland impacts. The entire area is comprised of wetlands and inland lakes, not to mention part of the last remaining oak & pine barrens of its kind in Michigan. Our concerns go beyond the 16 years as they have their sights set on Faithorn, Gourley & Holmes Townships. Will they then in turn process at this same site? It does not seem feasible for them to build many processing plants in the same area. They are also looking for deposits in Wisconsin. With the "Prove It First Law" they will be hard pressed to expand unless that law is repealed.

We have great concerns with the behavior of the MDEQ. Joe Maki did publicly state when asked if he knew of a sulfide mine that had not polluted and he stated, "I do not." He will not attend any board meetings to answer questions or provide information. The emails attached were obtained through a FOIA request. They were the only ones submitted in 1-1/2 year span of time, which does not seem credible. With the Flint Crisis the credibility of the MDEQ has deteriorated and I hope you can understand our concerns.

The Menominee Indian Nation has filed a lawsuit against the MDEQ. They have sacred burial sites and other cultural sites present in the footprint of the mine. Aquila is proposing to the MDNR a land swap where some of these sites are located. There is an ongoing land swap petition to the MDNR from residents in opposition of this land swap.

There have been many resolutions passed in opposition to this mine. That information is also attached.

We ask that you please become involved at a federal level. This mine's impact is too great a risk to too many people and their drinking water.

Respectfully,

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